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In response to the requirement to elect one (1) "active site" from claim 11 (Table 11), Applicant elects the sequence spanning nucleotides 3133 to 3152 of SEQ ID NO: 3.

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